

INSTRUCTION MANUAL FOR CHINA
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SEMI—AUTOMATIC SPORTING RIFLE

WARNING: Before using this firearm, read carefully and follow these instructions.



This instruction manual contains important warnings which should be read and understood before using firearms. This instruction manual should always accompany the firearm and be transferred with it upon change of ownership.

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CAUTION!

Failure to read and understand the warnings in this booklet may result in serious injury to you or others, as well as damage to your firearm or other property. Please take note of the warnings on gun handling printed here for your protection and safety before you attempt to use this firearm.

1. Do not rely on this or any gun's safety. Always treat this or any gun as if it were loaded and ready to fire.

2. Never cross a fence, jump a ditch, climb a tree or hand this firearm to anyone in a loaded condition.

3. Never handle this rifle or any firearm without first opening it yourself to check to see if it is loaded.

4. Never load this firearm or any firearm until you are ready to use it in a legitimate hunting area or a designated target shooting area.

5. Keep this firearm or any firearm and ammunition separate from each other and in a locked storage container. Do not store this rifle in a loaded condition.

6. Always wear ear and eye protection when shooting this or any firearm.

7. Don't ever shoot the firearm or any firearm unless you are absolutely sure of your target and what lies beyond your target.

8. Know the maximum range of your firearm.

9. Take care to always point the muzzle of this rifle or any firearm in a safe direction. Always be aware of where this rifle's muzzle is in relation to yourself and your shooting or hunting companions.

10. Always be sure to check the barrel of this rifle to make sure it is clear of obstructions such as ice, snow, dirt, etc., and only use and carry ammunition specifically designed and intended for use in this firearm.

WARNING

Use only original, high quality, correctly manufactured ammunition in this firearm. Make sure the ammunition you purchase is of the correct caliber for which this rifle is chambered. You will find the caliber of this firearm marked on the receiver. Never use ammunition of any other caliber. The caliber of this rifle is 7.62 × 39mm M43 and is also known as 7.62 × 39 Russian Short or 7.62 × 39 Type 56. Various manufacturers and importers of ammunition market this caliber in the United States.

The use of humiliated, resplended or other non-standard ammunition will void all warranties.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

588 Semi-Automatic Sporting Rifle (Fig. 1)



Fig. 1

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| 1. Safety | 12. Rear Sight |
| 2. Trigger | 13. Red Handle |
| 3. Trigger Guard | 14. Extractor |
| 4. Magazine Release | 15. Bolt & Bolt Carrier Assembly |
| 5. Magazine | 16. Ejection Cover |
| 6. Gas Connector | 17. Receiver Housing |
| 7. Barrel | 18. Stock |
| 8. Charging Rod | 19. Bolt Plate |
| 9. Front Sight Guard | 20. Bolt Trap |
| 10. Bayonet Mount | 21. Recoil Spring Swivel |
| 11. Upper Handguard | |

SAFETY

The manual safety lever is located on the right side of the rear trigger guard base. It is "ON" safe when the lever is in the top position (Fig. 2) it is "OFF" safe or in the ready to fire position when the lever is in the lower position, to disarm the inside face of the rear trigger guard base (Fig. 3).



Fig.2



Fig.3

When in the "ON" safe condition, the safety blocks the trigger from being pulled back enough to release the hammer and discharge the firearm.

WARNING

Never carry this rifle loaded (i.e. with a cartridge in the chamber or with ammunition in the magazine) without having the safety "ON" safe!

When placing the rifle "ON" safe or "OFF" safe (Fig. 4), always keep your fingers off the trigger and point the muzzle in a safe direction.



Fig.4

Be sure your rifle is clean and free of all grease and other perservatives and that your ammunition is of the correct type and caliber for this rifle.

LOADING

To load the magazine, place a cartridge on top of the magazine lips and press it down into the magazine until the cartridge snaps underneath the lips and is retained in the magazine tube. Check to make sure that the bullet tip of the cartridge does not protrude beyond the front portion of the magazine when it is pressed into the magazine tube. Repeat inserting the ammunition into the magazine until this unit is full. The magazine's maximum capacity is either 20 or 30 rounds. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO OVERFILL THE MAGAZINE.** Overfilling will damage the magazine and will void the warranty.

If the magazine is difficult to load or if the magazine body has been bent or heavily dented, the ammunition will not be easily accepted by the magazine. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FORCE MORE AMMUNITION INTO THE MAGAZINE.**

INSERTING LOADED MAGAZINE INTO RIFLE

Insert the magazine into the magazine well (Fig. 5a, 5b) Set by hooking the front portion of the magazine into its proper notch located in the front of the magazine well. Push the magazine up and rearward at the same time until this action locks the magazine in place.



Fig. 5a



Fig. 5b



Fig. 5c

CHARGING THE RIFLE AND FIRING THE RIFLE

To chamber the first round, put the rifle on safety by pushing the safety lever with the index finger up until the lever

When in the upposition position of the top of the trigger guard.

Keep the bolt handle pulled gently to the rear so the magazine will go back into the chamber the first round.

DO NOT RIDE THE BOLT HANDLE DOWN WHEN CHAMBERING A CARTRIDGE.

The rifle is now loaded. By following the safety cover down and to the rear of the trigger until the rifle is down "OFF" safety and may be fired. Gas pressure from the firing of the cartridge will assist the work of extraction, ejection and feeding of the ammunition until all rounds are expended or until a cessation of firing is required by the user. If any obstruction is encountered in the chamber or magazine of the rifle it must be immediately placed "ON" safe before unloading operations can commence.

UNLOADING

Keep muzzle in a safe direction. Remove the magazine by grasping the magazine catch behind the magazine and pressing it forward against the rear of the magazine spring (Fig. 10). Then rotate the magazine out of the magazine well. Place the magazine on a clean, dry surface. Now, grasp the bolt handle and pull bolt assembly to the rear to extract and eject the live round in the chamber or to inspect the chamber to see if it is empty. This rifle does not have a hold open catch that stops the bolt assembly from closing after firing of the live cartridge. ALWAYS INSPECT THE CHAMBER AND MAGAZINE OF THIS RIFLE AFTER THE LAST ROUND HAS BEEN FIRED AND THE BOLT SLAMS HOME. DO NOT

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FIG. 10

ASSUME THAT THE CHAMBER OR MAGAZINE ARE EMPTY UNTIL VISUALLY VERIFYING THIS CONDITION FOR YOURSELF.

After unloading the rifle by removing the magazine assembly and checking the chamber, allow the bolt assembly to close on spring pressure and pull the trigger to let the hammer drop on an empty chamber. Now place the safety lever back in the "ON" position.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISASSEMBLY

Be absolutely certain that the rifle is unloaded, the safety lever is in the "ON" safe position and the magazine has been removed from the rifle before engaging in disassembly of the firearm.

1. With index finger of right hand place pad of finger

lower tab of receiver cover disengaging pin on right rail of receiver. Applying some pressure to the tab force this up and out of its slot while pressure on the rear of the cover with the thumb of the left hand (Fig. 7). Rotate the receiver cover pin



Fig. 7

tab up 90 degrees and work it out to the right (Fig. 8). This



Fig. 8

piece will NOT come out of the receiver and DO NOT attempt to remove it completely from the receiver. The receiver cover will now be released from the rear of the receiver (Fig. 9). Place this part on a clean, dry surface.



Fig. 9

2. Remove the recoil spring and spring guide from the bolt assembly (Fig. 10).



Fig. 10

4. Remove the bolt assembly by grasping the bolt handle and pulling this part back to the rear and out of the receiver (Fig. 11).



Fig. 11

5. Bolt will be left in the bolt way on the receiver. With thumb and forefinger lift the bolt out of the bolt way and place on a clean dry surface with the other parts (Fig. 12).



Fig. 12

5. To remove the gas piston and tube assembly take the point of a punch or a cartridge and place the point in the side of the gas tube assembly lying on the right side of the rear sight base (Fig. 13). Carefully pry this part up until it reaches the end of its motion. **DON'T PRY IT UP PAST ITS GROOVE IN THE REAR SIGHT BASE!**



Fig. 13

6. Grasping the rear of the upper handguard carefully work the gas piston rod tube / upper handguard assembly up and off the Barrel of the rifle (Fig. 14). If the gas piston is difficult



Fig. 14

to remove from the tube assembly use a pin punch or the end of a brush to gently push the gas piston tube forward and out of the gas piston rod tube of upper handguard assembly (Fig. 15).



Fig. 15a



Fig. 15b

This completes the disassembly of the rifle to allow for proper cleaning of its main groups.

REASSEMBLY

To reassemble the rifle, simply reverse the disassembly sequence. To make this job less confusing, we recommend the user pay close attention to the location and position of each component part during the disassembly procedure.

CLEANING

Although this rifle has been provided with a field expedient cleaning rod and tool kit, any 30 caliber cleaning kit and cleaning brush will work to properly clean the SKS. We recommend the use of proper bore solvents and light weapons lubricating oil to service the rifle.

After a day's shooting, field strip the rifle as described and affix a brush to a cleaning rod. Dip the brush in bore solvent and vigorously scrub the bore from the breech end (rear) of the barrel. Brush out the bore at least ten times. Remove the bore brush from the cleaning rod and place a dry patch on its long (up or loop) end. Carefully push the patched rod through the bore so the rod twists along the curvature of the rifling. The patch will come out black. Now, with a clean, bore solvent-wetted patch, carefully push this patch and subsequent patches through the bore until a patch is almost clean. Dry out the bore with dry patches and with a clean, oil-soaked patch carefully oil the bore. Hold the rifle upside down so a little oil will enter the gas port of the barrel.

Now take the gas piston and clean off the end of the piston with tooth brush in a mild detergent (tooth brush) to which is remove carbon fouling from this part and then clean the whole gas piston with a bore cleaner-soaked patch. Dry this part off completely and place on a clean, dry surface.

Take the gas piston guide tube—upper headguard assembly and with gauges and bore cleaner and a shortened cleaning rod clean out the bore of this tube. This part will rust if not promptly cleaned. Clean as if you were cleaning the bore of your rifle. Dry off the bore cleaning solvent and tighten out.

Inspect the head and bolt carrier. These parts will have a light film of carbon on the front of them. Clean this carbon fouling off with bore cleaner and a tooth brush, then tighten all.

Pay attention to the chamber area of this rifle. Take a chamber patch brush, place on the end of a shortened cleaning rod and shove the brush in the chamber to break loose any carbon fouling in the chamber. Then wet a patch with bore solvent and wipe around the brush. Insert into the chamber and clean up the loosened carbon fouling. Take a clean patch and wipe around the brush and remove any traces of bore solvent. **DO NOT OIL THE CHAMBER!**

SIGHT ADJUSTMENT

Adjustment of the sight has been done at the factory. Due to alterations in ammunition and a few other basic it may be found necessary to adjust the sight on your rifle.

To adjust the front sight, take the front sight adjustment key from your tool kit and insert the forked end into the hole in the front sight hood. Leverage the fork of the tool into the flange of the front sight post. To move the bullet's impact on the target down, turn the key counter clockwise. To move the bullet's impact up, turn the key clockwise.

The rear sight is of the open notch military type with adjustments available from 100 to 1000 yards (110 to 1100 yards approx.). Elevation adjustment is effected by depressing the two spring loaded flanges on either side of the elevation slide and sliding this piece forward to show the sight. A 100 meter (110 yard) battle sight has been provided. Merely slide the elevation slide directly to the rear of the sight and flange to set the "battle sight."

SPECIFICATIONS

Caliber: .302 + 39mm

Magazine Capacity: 2-440 (see next page)

Rear Sight: graduated from 100 to 1,000 yards

Weight: (includes magazine)

Overall Length: 1024mm

Barrel Length: 21 inches

Capacity of Magazine: 20 or 30 rounds

PARTS AND SERVICE

Parts and Service for your SKS can be provided by correspondence with CHINA SPORTS, INC., Santa Fe Springs, CA, in writing. Upon receipt of your written request we will send you a list of what we have available in the way of parts for your rifle. If the parts or service are such that your rifle must be returned to us for repair we will issue you a return authorization and appropriate instructions to help you return your rifle to us for repair.

WARRANTY

This firearm imported by China Sports, Inc. is warranted against defects in materials and/or workmanship for one full year after the date of retail purchase.

This warranty does not cover repairs related to unreasonable use, excessive failure to provide proper maintenance or unauthorized modification. China Sports, Inc. reserves the right to inspect any product before making adjustment covered by this warranty.

Retain the dated sales slip, firearm transaction record, charge card receipt, cancelled check or any other dated proof of purchase for your records in the event your firearm should need warranty repair.

Send a photocopy of your proof of purchase as it will be retained by China Sports, Inc.

The use of handloaded, reloaded or other non-standard ammunition will void all warranties.

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